

Discussion on August 9, 2002

Do we need a large initiative to spur RSM implementation in our districts and divisions?

- ◆ No, RSM is an educational process
- ◆ RSM reflects an investment within the Corps
- ◆ The RSM approach is very compelling
- ◆ Corps reputation is improving because of implementation of RSM concepts

Do we have the policies and authorities now that we need to do RSM?

- ◆ We need to get beyond the “least cost” philosophy (federal standard)
- ◆ We need to evaluate costs on a long-term time frame
- ◆ We need to review how we use and apply economic benefit assessments
- ◆ The biggest job is to sell RSM internally in the Districts/Divisions
 - “RSM is a tool for Corps to change the way we do business”
 - RSM is a longterm process
- ◆ Do we need a picture show to educate Corps employees and the public?
 - Realize that understanding RSM is a long-term educational process
 - We need leadership from top
- ◆ Note: there is a commonality between RSM and watershed management plans
- ◆ Can RSM projects establish performance measures? For example, predicting performance before project implementation, assessing results, and reporting upward.